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fender structure 30, is supported on the chassis 16. The floor and fender structure 30 supports an operator's seat 34 including a seat portion 36 and a back portion 38.--

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On page 4, please amend the paragraph that begins on line 1 to read as follows:

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--Figures 2-3 illustrate the floor and fender structure 30. The structure 30 is formed by a contoured body. The floor and fender structure 30 includes a foot supporting area 42, a seat supporting region 44, including a seat support 46 and rear wall 48. The structure 30 further includes a first fender 54 and a second fender 56. The first fender 54 includes a raised rail 54a and a recessed rail 54b, substantially in line, to accommodate the steel frame 12. The recessed rail 54b extends across the foot supporting area 42. The first fender 54 further includes an oblique recessed rail 54c which extends from the fender down into the foot supporting area 42. The recessed rail 54c provides a chase for electrical wires and mechanical cables for controls.--

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On page 4, please amend the paragraph that begins on line 11 to read as follows:

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-- The second fender 56 includes a recessed rail 56a which extends down the fender and across the foot supporting area 42 to accommodate the steel frame 12. At a front of the foot supporting area 42 is a humped area or "tunnel" 45 for providing clearance for the drive train beneath the floor and fender structure 30. --

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On page 4 after the second paragraph, at line 16 please add the following paragraph:

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--The structure 30 includes side rails 58, 59 (Figure 2) adjacent to the door or window opening that increases the overall rigidity of the floor and fender structure 30 as well as providing sealing surfaces.--

On page 4, please amend the paragraph that starts at line 20 to read as follows:

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--The structure 30 includes mounting surfaces and features 100-113 to allow mounting of controls, a battery, a fuel tank, a step and a steering column. Mounts 100-103 are for the controls, mount 104 is for the battery, mounts 106-108 are for the step, mounts 109-113 are for the fuel tank, and mount 105 is for the steering column. Hole 200 allows the fuel tank filler neck to penetrate the structure 30. Feature 49 is for operator's manual and tool storage.--

On page 5, please amend the paragraph that starts at line 3 to read as follows:

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--Figure 4 illustrates a cross-section of a composite used for the structure 30. A layer of fiberglass 202 is sandwiched by a top first layer of RIM material 204 and a bottom second layer of RIM material 206. The composite gives the structure 30 exemplary rigidity and strength while retaining a lightweight character.--

On page 5, please amend the paragraph that starts at line 12 to read as follows:

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--Figures 5 through 7 illustrate the frame 12 mounted on the floor and fender structure 30. Side members 12a and 12b fit within the side recessed rails 54b, 56a. The frame 12 can be attached to the structure 30 by fasteners